



Notes from the Director

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PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

In his State of the Union Address, President Carter made the following comment on U.S. Intelligence:

"We also need clear and quick passage of a new charter to define the legal authority and accountability of our intelligence agencies. We will guarantee that abuses do not recur. But we must tighten our controls on sensitive intelligence information, and we need to remove unwarranted restraints on America's ability to collect intelligence."

The President's remarks and the reaction of the Congress are testimonies to the dedication and accomplishments of all of you over the past few years. It was not long ago that it would have been unthinkable to propose relaxation of restraints on this Agency. It is because you have persevered in your work despite restraints and unfair public criticism and because you have adapted successfully to new methods of external and internal oversight that public confidence in our Agency has been rebuilt to this degree. With the added outside support we can only improve our service to the country.

EXCEPTIONAL ANALYST PROGRAM AWARDS

I am pleased to announce the selection of nineteen analysts from the Intelligence Community as the first participants in the newly inaugurated DCI Exceptional Analyst Program. The Program will provide fully funded research and study grants for up to two years to analysts within the Community for the purpose of enriching their skills in ways that will benefit U.S. Intelligence.

Finalists were recommended to me by a panel of senior officials representing the entire Intelligence Community. The candidates were judged on their career histories as well as on the quality of the proposed projects and their value to the future of the Intelligence Community. Community officials join me in the hope that the program will encourage the development of new methodologies in analysis, forecasting and the extraction of data from existing systems.

The exceptional analysts selected this year represent a cross section of the agencies within the Intelligence Community. Six of the nineteen are from the Central Intelligence Agency's National Foreign Assessment Center, three from the National

Security Agency, three from the Defense Intelligence Agency and two from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The remaining five analysts are from intelligence elements of the military services, including three from the Army and one each from the Navy and Air Force.

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STANSFIELD TURNER
Director